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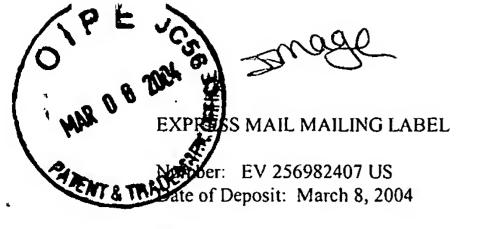
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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT TO RESTRICTION AND/OR ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action, mailed February 9, 2004 in connection with the above-identified application, having a statutory period for response set to expire on March 9, 2004. The Examiner's request for restriction has been carefully considered, and in view of the following remarks and amendments, reconsideration and early allowance of all pending claims is respectfully requested. Please amend this application as follows:

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Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 3 of this Response and Amendment.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this Response and Amendment.

Conclusion begins on page 5 of this Response and Amendment.

Authorization begins on page 6 of this Response and Amendment.